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COMPOUND

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 23, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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